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## **INDIAN COUNTRY INDICTMENTS**

PHOENIX, ARIZONA – U.S. Attorney José de Jesus Rivera, Guadalupe Gonzalez, Special Agent in Charge, Phoenix Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and Dorothy L. Fulton, Chief of Criminal Investigations, Navajo Department of Law Enforcement, announce the following indictments:

**AARON ROSS YAZZIE**, 18, of Tuba City, Arizona, was indicted by a federal grand jury, on February 8, 2000, on one count of First Degree Murder. The indictment alleges that on January 13, 2000, YAZZIE stabbed his girlfriend, Fiona Tso, to death. YAZZIE is currently in federal custody, pending trial. If convicted, the maximum penalty, that can be imposed by the court, is life imprisonment.

**ZANE WILLIAM GRAY**, 21, of Tuba City, Arizona, was indicted by a federal grand jury on February, 9, 2000, for one count of Assault with a Dangerous Weapon and one count of Assault Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury. **GRAY** is accused of assaulting, Elfrederick Allen, with a knife, on November 11, 1999. **GRAY** is currently in federal custody, pending trial. The maximum penalty is 10 years imprisonment, per count.

An indictment is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and an individual's guilt is established only upon conviction. The investigation in these cases was conducted by the Navajo Department of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution is being handled by the United States Attorney's Office, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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